The main commodities despatched from these stations are onions, oil cake, bentonite powder, full pressed cotton, salt, fertilisers, lemon, other fruits, machinery parts and other general goods.

(d) No, Sir, and trains had not to be cancelled on that account.

Amount Spent by AIR India on Advertisement in USA and Canada

1104. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent on advertisements by Air India during the last two years in the USA and Canada;

(b) what are the names of the magazines and newspapers in which advertisements were inserted for this purpose indicating their circulation and amount paid to each of the publications in the USA and Canada during this period for the publications of advertisement which are circulated to Indian residents;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the largest circulated paper 'India Abroad' published from the USA has not been given advertisements by Air India; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Disclosure of assets by Gazetted Officers in railways

1105. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been made mandatory for the Gazetted Officers in Railways to disclose their moveable and immovable assets on prescribed proforma;

(b) whether such returns have been submitted by all the Gazetted Officers functioning in Allahabad Division;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the officers are having assets disproportionate to their known source of income;

(d) if so, the action taken against them; and

(e) the details of vigilance cases pending against J.A. Grade Officers functioning in Allahabad Division department-wise, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) On first appointment to service, all Gazetted Officers are required to give full details of their movable and immovable assets in prescribed proforma. Thereafter, annual returns of immovable property are required to be given by them. Transactions in immovable and movable property over Rs. 5000 are also required to be intimated.

(b) Annual returns for the immovable property are filed by the officers after the end of each calendar year. Some of the officers have yet to submit returns indicating the position of property held by them as on 1-1-1987. They have been reminded and the statements from them are expected shortly.

(c) and (d) Complaints against four officers regarding possession of disproportionate assets were received investigated. Preliminary investigations indicate that the allegations are not substantiated.

(e) Disciplinary proceedings are in progress against four officers (two from Commercial Department, one from Electrical Department and one from General Administration). Vigilance investigations are in progress against five other officers (one from Electrical Department, one from Personnel Department, two from Engineering Department and one from

General Administration) for various irregularities in award of contracts, misuse of power, splitting of works, etc.

Vacant posts in Railways

1106. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number rof posts lying vacant as on the 31st March, 1987 in different zonal Railways; and

(b) the steps taken to fill up those vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Exemption of Tripura from hike in air fare by Indian Airlines/Vayudoot

1107. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether Government propose to exempt air passengers to and from Tripura from the present hike in air fare by Indian Airlines/ Vayudoot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): In so far as Indian Airlines is concerned, the fares in North-Eastern Region are already lower by about 17.5 per cent than the all India fares. No change is proposed in this concession.

In the case of Vayudoot in will not be possible to exempt the State of Tripura from fare hike if and when Vayudoot hikes the fares.

Assam-Agartala Highway No. 44

1108. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that condition of Assam-Agartala Highway No. 44 is very bad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the condition of the highway immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. Assam-Agartala Highway N.H. No. 44 is in a traffic worthy condition.

(b) and (c) Development works on N.H. 44 are being stepped up. Till the year 1985-86 works were planned and executed to the extent of Rs. 4.00-5.00 crores annually. A sum of Rs. 5.77 crores had been allotted in the year 1986-87. During the year 1987-88, Rs. 10.79 crores are proposed to be spent.

Expansion of Vayudoot services in Andhra Pradesh

1109. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to expand the operations of Vayudoot in Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details with regard to the funds earmarked for expansion of Vayudoot and the new routes proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Working Women's Hostel in Andhra Pradesh

1110. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels for working women under various centrally sponsored schemes along with their locations are functioning in different parts of Andhra Pradesh;